Bush FY05 Budget Priorities in Iraq vs. Priorities in America

	Iraq	America
Providing Health Care, Taking Care of Veterans	\$850 million for rebuilding hospitals and 150 clinics; replacement of medical equipment; and providing basic health care to more than half Iraq's population	8.5 percent cut over five years to Veterans Administration health care services, forcing likely cuts in medical services and possible VA hospital closures
Construction for Water, Sewage Improvements	\$3.557 billion for water and sewage services repair and improvement \$153 million for solid waste management \$775 million for water resources improvement	36.7 percent cut (\$500 million) to Clean Water State Revolving Funds, which provides loans for improving wastewater treatment facilities
Protecting public health through maintaining and protecting the environment	\$875 million for irrigation and wetlands restoration \$2.83 billion for safe drinking water programs	14.7 percent cut (\$23.9 billion) from 2005 to 2009 in all discretionary funding for environmental protection programs
Providing Safe, affordable housing for working families	\$470 million for the construction of housing and public buildings for Iraqi citizens	\$28 million cut in public housing maintenance \$791 million cut in Section 8 Vouchers, forcing 250,000 families from private housing back into public housing or homelessness